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SUBJECT: "IMPACT OF OCTOBER WAR ON THE MIDDLE EAST" CONFERENCE, OCT
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1. IT HAS LONG BEEN FELT AT HIGHEST LEVELS GOE THAT EGYPTIAN PERFORMANCE IN OCTOBER WAR AND THE CONSEQUENCES THEREOF HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY APPRECIATED OR EVEN REPORTED INTERNATIONALLY. DEPPRIMIN AND MINWAY GAMASSI, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS MADE THIS POINT SEVERAL TIMES IN PRESS AND TV INTERVIEWS. SUBJECT CONFERENCE REPRESENTS MAJOR CORRECTIVE PROPAGANDA EFFORT.

2. PRESIDENT SADAT DIRECTED THAT IT BE HELD AND GAMASSI HEADED ARRANGMENTS COMMITTEE WHICH ALSO INCLUDED DEPPRIMIN AND MINISTER HIGHER EDUCATION GHANEM, CAIRO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ABOU TALEB AND SEVERAL SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS. CONTROL OF CONFERENCE IS IN HANDS OF THE MILITARY THROUGH IT IS BEING GIVEN ACADEMIC COLORATION BY BEING HELD AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY, WHOSE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE WEEK OFF, AND THE STAFF OF AL AHRAH'S INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES CONDUCTED THE RECRUITMENT OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS THROUGH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. FURTHER INDICATION OF NATURE OF CONFERENCE IS FACT THAT MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAS ESTABLISHED PRESS CENTER AT UNIVERSITY COMPLETE WITH 200 TELEPHONES AND 12 TELEXES TO FACILITATE MEDIA COVERAGE.

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3. AT LAST COUND 327 PERSONS FROM 64 COUNTRIES HAD ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE AS GUESTS OF GOE. LIST OF AMERICAN INVITEES SHOWS 32 NAMES BUT POST AWARE OF SEVERAL OTHERS. LIST INCLUDES MANY PRESTIGIOUS MIDDLE-EAST ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS.

4. FIRST HALF OF CONFERENCE BEING DEVOTED TO MILITARY ASPECTS OF WAR AND SECOND TO POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. LATTER INCLUDES FOLLOWING US-RELATED DISCUSSIONS: "THE EFFECTS OF WAR ON DETENTE," "EFFECTS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND US," "THE EFFECTS OF THE OCTOBER WAR ON US RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES," AND "THE ROLE OF THE TWO SUPER POWERS IN THE CONFLICT."

5. FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND MIL ATTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND SEMINAR. CHARGE HAS REGRETTED; ARMY ATTACHE IS ATTENDING. RUSSELL

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